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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist and *HWS*  
Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *ag*

RE: Site Inspection, Hobo #1 Mine, Raider Group, S/019/023, Grand County, Utah

Inspection Date: 10/15/90  
Inspection Time: 10:30 - 2:30  
Attendees: Arlyn Sperry, Jan Wild, Raider Group, Elmer Duncan, Sal Venticinque, Bureau of Land Management; Holland Shepherd, Tony Gallegos, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining; Kathy Trott, Army Corp of Engineers, Chad Gourley, State Engineers Office

This inspection was conducted as a follow-up to previous inspections and concerns developed earlier this year. We were accompanied by individuals representing the operator, BLM, Army Corp of Engineers, and the Utah State Engineers Office, Water Rights.

The questions that have been raised concern acreage disturbed, impacts to the Dolores River, and impacts to the riparian zone adjacent to the river.

Chad Gourley indicated that a violation had resulted on site, because of impacts to the riparian area adjacent to the mine. The operation has constructed a portion of the sediment pond and pump access road too close to the river. The river's riparian zone has been impacted, as a result. The operation has removed stabilizing vegetation along the river embankments and loose fill material has been cast onto the embankments and into the river. This, apparently, has a destabilizing effect on the river during times of high flow. Mr. Gourley indicated that he would write a letter to the operator, addressing the violation and steps they would need to take to alleviate the problem.

After discussion with the BLM and operator, it was decided that the best

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approach to take in permitting the site would be to address the site as a large mining operation of 5 acres and greater. After a rough evaluation of the site, 4.6 acres was determined to comprise the existing disturbance. We discounted some of the area, which had been disturbed before by a previous operator and cleaned up by the current operator, to come up with this amount.

We indicated to Mr. Sperry, that we would send the Raider Group a letter outlining these latest developments and what the operator would be asked to address.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining requires operations over 5 acres to submit a reclamation bond. The BLM has had a recent policy change which also requires bonding for operations covered under a Plan of Operations. The current MOU between both agencies should alleviate the possibility of double bonding.

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cc: Delbert Burr, Raider Group  
Chad Gourley, Water Rights  
Brad Palmer, BLM, Grand RA  
Kathy Trott, Army Corp of Engineers  
Wayne Hedberg, DOGM

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Looking west across site



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looking at southern approach to  
site.